



Kingdom Culture

sermon on the mount series

December 17th

Build Your House on the Rock | Matthew 7:24-27

Foundation Matters:

What other than Jesus teaching to people in today's society build their lives upon?

Storms of Life:

In the parable, both the wise and foolish builders face storms. How do you interpret the storms in our lives today? Can you share a personal experience of facing a storm and how your foundation influenced the outcome?

Building Practices:

What are some practical ways we can build our lives on the solid foundation of faith in Jesus Christ?

How can we integrate spiritual disciplines, such as prayer, Bible study, and fellowship, into our daily lives to strengthen our foundation?

Discerning the Foundation:

What are some warning signs that may indicate a shaky foundation in our spiritual lives?

Application in Daily Life:

Discuss specific challenges or situations where applying the principles from this parable can make a difference in our daily lives.

How can we practically implement the teachings of Jesus in Matthew 7:24-27 in our relationships, work, and decision-making?

Accountability and Support:

How can our church community contribute to building each other's spiritual foundations?

Share ideas on how the group can provide support and accountability to ensure that each member is continually building on the rock.

The Authority of Jesus | Matthew 7:28-29

Australians and Authority:

What do you the average Australian thinks about authority?

What were your reflections from lockdown regarding the issue of authority?

What are some examples in life and society where we as Christians believe it is right to disobey authority?

Authority of Jesus:

"In Matthew 7:28-29, the crowds were amazed at Jesus' teaching because He spoke with authority, unlike the religious leaders of His time. Reflect on a moment in your life when you recognized the authority of Jesus. How does His authority impact the way we approach His teachings today? Share examples of specific teachings or areas in your life where recognizing Jesus' authority has brought about transformation."

Engaging with Jesus' Authority in Today's World:

"Jesus' authority was evident in His words and actions. How can we, as believers, demonstrate and uphold the authority of Jesus in our modern context? In what areas of our lives or society do we see a need for the authority of Christ to be acknowledged and followed? Discuss practical ways we can assert and share Jesus' authority in our interactions, relationships, and communities."

Insights on the Source of Authority:

"Matthew 7:28-29 emphasises that Jesus taught as one with authority, not like the teachers of the law. Explore what sets Jesus' authority apart from human authority.

How does understanding the source of His authority influence our trust and obedience? How can we discern and align ourselves with the authority of Christ in a world filled with various voices and perspectives?"

Application of Jesus' Authority in Decision-Making:

"Jesus' authority extends to every aspect of our lives, including decision-making.

Share an experience where recognizing Jesus' authority influenced a decision you made. How can we intentionally seek and submit to His authority in our daily choices?

Consider practical steps for the group to encourage one another in acknowledging and applying the authority of Jesus in decision-making processes."